

PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – March 30, 1999

At a reconvened meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held in joint session with the town councils of Dublin and Pulaski on Tuesday, March 30, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at Calfee Park in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, the following were in attendance:

Pulaski County Board of Supervisors: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Charles E. Cook.; and Bruce L. Fariss. Also present was Joseph N. Morgan, County Administrator and Thomas J. McCarthy, Jr., County Attorney.

Dublin Town Council: Walter B. Keister, Mayor; Samuel F. Gregory, Jr.; Edith A. Hampton; Peggy H. Hemmings; and Benny Skeens. Also present was Gary Elander, Town Manager.

Pulaski Town Council: John A. Johnston, Mayor; Bettye H. Steger, Vice-Mayor; W. Edgar Hale; Lane R. Penn; Pauline G. Mitchell; James M. Neblett; Charles W. Stewart, Jr.; Joseph L. Weddle; and Jeff Worrell. Also present were Tom Combiths, Town Manager; David N. Quesenberry, Assistant to the Town Manager; and Lee Chitwood, Town Attorney.

Mayor Johnston hosted a tour of the Calfee Park facilities under renovation and treated those in attendance to a buffet dinner. Afterwards, he welcomed those in attendance and opened the joint meeting.

1. Calfee Park Renovation Presentation - Pulaski Town Recreation Director Dave Hart explained the renovation plans for Calfee Park.
2. Town/County Beautification Campaign - Pulaski Vice Mayor Steger explained the town plans for a community cleanup on the first two weekends in May. The county representatives pledged to have Public Service Authority (PSA) vehicles and personnel available to dispose of waste from the cleanup. The PSA provides this service to neighborhoods within the county upon request. It is recommended the cleanups take place on Saturdays when PSA trucks are not committed to regular routes. Mayor Keister advised that the Town of Dublin is using community sentence workers for roadside cleanup.
3. Summit on Jobs and Housing - General discussion was held on the need for support of affordable housing. The Board and Council members noted that the current high rate of employment in the county is unprecedented, resulting in need for housing to maintain and available work force. The results of the county commission housing study by Virginia Tech should be reported at the next joint meeting.
4. Recreation Study Committee Report - The study committee members reported that two meetings had been held and that further study is underway, focusing on a joint town and county provision of recreation in general county-wide.

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5. Randolph Park Status - The design team preliminary plans for the Randolph Park were reviewed.
6. Joint Tax Collection - Town of Pulaski and county staff reported a target date for implementation of both joint property tax and garbage utility payments collection to be Year 2000. The county treasurer and towns finance director were requested to consider using the same license decal.
7. Board of Supervisors Accomplishments Presentation - Chairman Sheffey presented an electronic visual summary of accomplishments supported by the Board of Supervisors.
8. Other Matters

The joint governing bodies expressed concern regarding the continued blockage of the New River Trail and endorsed all necessary acts by the state government to open the blockage in Wythe County so that the entire trail from Pulaski and Galax and Fries can be enjoyed by the public.

The county agreed to host the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at a location to be announced.

Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman

ATTEST:

Joseph N. Morgan, Clerk